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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL/TREASURY PROJECT VISIT ENROUTE
ADB ANNUAL MEETING

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MANILA PASS USADB

1. WITH INTERNATIONAL LENDING INSTITUTIONS PLAYING AN INCREASING PART IN CHANNELING ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND IN VIEW SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF FUNDING BEING REQUESTED FROM CONGRESS, THIS PROJECT VISIT TRIP IS PART OF BROAD EFFORT BY THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH TO INCREASE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND EXECUTIVE BRANCH DIRECT KNOWLEDGE OF LOAN PROGRAMS OF INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS. TRIP THUS IS PART OF OVER-ALL CONSULTATIVE PROCESS WITH CONGRESS.

2. REGARDING PARA 1 REFTEL A, PLEASE RESERVE FORTY HOTEL
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ROOMS FOR GROUP ARRIVING MID-DAY APRIL 21 FROM HONOLULU AND

DEPARTING MORNING OF APRIL 23 FOR MANILA. REGARDING PARA 8 REFTEL A, DOD WILL MAKE SEPARATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS OF FLIGHT CREW. DEPARTMENT WILL CONFIRM EXACT NUMBER AND TYPE ROOMS REQUIRED AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE

REQUIREMENTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. CONCUR VISIT PROGRAM SHOULD INCLUDE THREE PROJECTS MENTIONED REFTEL B. HOPE IT IS POSSIBLE TO VISIT IN FOLLOWING ORDER OF PRIORITY: (1) ADB DEVELOPMENT FINANCE

CORPORATION (DFC) PROJECTS; (2) IDA CATTLE RANCH PROJECT AND (3) IDA PORT PROJECT. REGARDING ADB LOAN TO DFC, (REFTEL B PARA 3) WE HAVE FOUND IN PAST THAT BRIEFINGS BY DFC OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN WORTHWHILE. SINCE FOCUS OF TRIP IS THE ADB ANNUAL MEETING, WE RECOMMEND THAT GROUP VISIT DFC HEADQUARTERS AND IF POSSIBLE TYPICAL SUBPROJECT NEARBY.

4. APPRECIATE SUGGESTION (REFTEL B PARA 4) OF GENERAL BRIEFING. WOULD LIKE THIS TO FOCUS PARTICULARLY ON OVERALL DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND CONTRIBUTION OF MULTILATERAL ASSISTANCE RATHER THAN BILATERAL AID. WOULD BE HELPFUL IF

CONSUL GENERAL COULD PROVIDE INFORMAL GENERAL BACKGROUND BRIEFING TO GROUP SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVAL.

5. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES PLEASE CABLE IMMEDIATE A SUGGESTED SCHEDULE OF PROJECT VISITS AND BRIEFINGS, WHICH WOULD CONSTITUTE A REASONABLE PROGRAM FOR ONE DAY I.E. APRIL 22. INGERSOLL

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